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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9794X

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJ: CISCO II

REF: STATE 025396

1. DRAWING ON REFTTEL, AMB RAISED WITH MINSTATE
MOHAMED RIAD TODAY WHETHER GOE WOULD BE ABLE AND
WILLING TO ASSIST IN PERSUADING PLF TO RELEASE
CISCO II. RIAD RESPONDED THAT GOE HAS, AS A
MATTER OF POLICY, AVOIDED HAVING ANY OFFICIAL
CONTACT WITH VARIOUS ERITREAN GROUPS ON THE
GROUNDS THAT ETHIOPIA MIGHT CONSTRUE SUCH CONTACTS
AS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE
ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT OCCASIONALLY GOE
HAS GIVEN QUOTE ADVICE UNQUOTE TO ERITREAN
ELEMENTS. HE AGREED TO ASCERTAIN WHAT, IF ANYTHING,
GOE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO TO HELP IN OBTAINING
INFORMATION ON CURRENT CONDITION AND RELEASE OF
CISCO II. IN DOING SO, HE CAUTIONED THAT GOE
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MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DO VERY MUCH.

2. TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION, AMB TOLD RIAD WE HAVE ALSO ASKED SUDANESE AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO HELP. IN DAMSCUS, TOO, AN EMBOFF HAD RECENTLY MET WITH PLF POLITICAL REP TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION. ONE OF PROBLEMS SEEMS TO BE THAT PLF POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERSHIPS DO NOT SEE EYE TO EYE. IT IS PLF MILITARY WHICH IS HOLDING CISCO II AND WHO NEED TO BE PERSUADED TO RELEASE THEM.

3. RIAD AGREED PLF POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERSHIPS ARE OUT OF TUNE WITH EACH OTHER. HE SUGGESTED THAT SAUDI ARABIA, WHICH HAS CONSIDERABLE CONTACT WITH VARIOUS ERITREAN ELEMENTS, MIGHT BEST BE ABLE TO HELP.
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